

REMARKS

Claims 11-14, 31 and 33 are pending.

Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 8-59981, as evidenced by Takeuchi et al. (US 6,096,456).

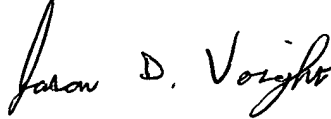
Claims 11-14 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al. (U.S. 5,346,788), as evidenced by Takeuchi et al.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 32 and 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 11 to incorporate the limitations of claim 32, thereby rewriting claim 32 in independent form as claim 11.

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